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CHAPTER 266: THE MEANING OF LIFE

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[SFX]: TWITCH!

[SFX]: STARE...

YAAAAY!

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[SFX]: RUNNING / BATHUMP / LAUGH

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I THOUGHT THAT WAS THE START OF THE SURPRISE!

SIGH ...

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G'AFTERNOON! I'M HERE TO DELIVER A PACKAGE TO A SHIRAKI-SAN.

...

[SFX]: RATTLE / BATHUMP!

AH, YES. IT'S ADDRESSED TO A SHIRAKI MEIKO-SAN. COULD YOU PLEASE SIGN OR STAMP FOR IT?

Shiraki... Shiraki Meiko-chan?

Then I'll sign...

IT'S A BARREL ...

I CAN'T BELIEVE IT... BUT WHY ELSE WOULD IT BE DELIVERED LIKE THIS?

IT HAS TO BE...

[SFX]: STROLL

そろおお…

SINCE IT WAS ADDRESSED TO MEIKO-CHAN, MAYBE IT'S ANDRE-KUN INSIDE...

[SFX]: BATHUMP

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A BARREL FULL OF...

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PEOPLE!

[SFX]: BATHUMP

[SASH THINGY]: HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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IT'S BEGUN ...

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MY SUR-PRISE HAS ALREADY BEGUN!

OR KIYOSHI-KUN - SINCE HE WASN'T AT THE STA-TION?!

SWEET CLOUDS!

CRYSTAL-CLEAR STREAMS!

IS THIS TOTALLY A VACATION? ...'TIS INDEED!

#WITHMYBFFS
#BESTSUMMER
#THANKYOUPBR-SAMA
#BLESSEDBETHEBELIEVERS

Cough

YEAH, REALLY... IT'S LIKE A DREAM.

AH, THIS IS SUPER FUN! THE PBR-SAMA(?) IS AWESOME!

[SFX]: BATHUMP

HM?

WHY AM I, OF ALL PEOPLE, SPREADING SUNTAN LOTION ON A GIRL WITH MY BARE HANDS?

THIS DOESN'T HAPPEN. NOT FOR ME.

ISN'T THAT... WRONG?

THIS IS TOO FUN. TOO HAPPY.

SO THIS IS A DREAM. IT HAS TO BE...

[SFX]: STRETCH...

AND AS PROOF, WELL... I CAN STICK MY HAND DOWN HERE AND EVERYTHING WILL BE JUST F—

[SMALL BUBBLES]: HAH

[SFX]: POW!

GAH!

HEY!

WHERE'RE YOU TOUCHING, JOE-KUN?!

INE...

OF COURSE IT'S REAL, YOU CREEP!

#EVERYONE #CHILL #THISISREAL

#THEREFORE #THISISREAL #IMNOT DREAMING

SWEET! IT ACTU-ALLY HURT!

[SMALL BUBBLES, ALL OVER PAGE]: HAH

I'VE RUN SO FAR... HOW MANY MORE KILOMETERS TO GO?

WHAT DO I DO? ...DO I GO BACK, AND TAKE IT?

IF I KEEP RUNNING, I MIGHT SUFFER HEAT-STROKE...

IT'S ALL THANKS TO THE SUN... THERE'S NO EXERCIS-ING OUT IN THIS HEAT!

"SIGH"... MAYBE I SHOULD'VE TAKEN THE BIKE I FOUND IN THE PARK... SOMEONE MUST'VE LEFT IT THERE WHEN THEY WERE DONE RIDING, ANYWAYS... PROBABLY.

I wouldn't be a thief, not really.

[SFX]: DRIP X2

Ah...

BUT I CAN'T FIGHT BACK AGAINST THE RAIN, EITHER! I'LL CATCH COLD!

DRIP

NOT EVEN I CAN FIGHT BACK AGAINST THE SUN...

[SFX]: DRIP X2

[SFX]: POURRRRR

[SFX]: RATTLE

SHOOT... IT'S STARTED POURING.

[SMALL BUBBLES] HAH

I AT LEAST NEED TO GET THE BARREL UNDER THE TENT.

It's really heavy...

[SFX] DRAG

[SFX] RATTLE

THERE'S NO BEATING MOTHER NATURE... I HAVE TO TAKE COVER FROM THE STORM... THIS ISN'T MY FAULT... AND REALLY...

I CAN'T GET SOAKED, CATCH A COLD, AND GIVE IT TO CHIYO-CHAN, NOW CAN I?

...I DON'T HAVE A CHOICE.

I JUST... WANNA GO HOME...

[SFX]: AH!

EEEK!

That's right... I can't be the only one who wants to go home.

IN THIS RAIN, WON'T CHIYO-CHAN, TOO?!

WON'T SHE ALSO WANT TO GO HOME?!

I...

KI-YOSHI-K—

I'M SORRY!

[SFX] POP!

[SFX]: ROLL / THUD

NO ONE THERE...

THERE'S ...

WAIT FOR ME, CHIYO-CHAN!

DIDN'T I MAKE UP MY MIND? TO 'FESS TO HER? TODAY?!

[SMALL BUBBLES] HAH

[SFX]: WHIRRRRR!

KIYO-SHI-KUN...

GET HERE SOON ...

1

2

WHAT'S WRONG, FUJINO-KUN? YOU LOOK PALE.

IT'S MY JOB TO LEND THEM A HAND.

WHEN I'M IN MY CAR AND I SEE PEOPLE WHO DON'T LOOK WELL,

Gh...

NOW, GET ON IN. I'M HEADING DOWN TO PATROL THE BBQ VENUE.

Officer...

Thank you very much.

I... I can't...

Why won't anyone come?

[SFX]: POUR

I can't take this anymore...

AT THIS RATE, IT'LL NEVER END.